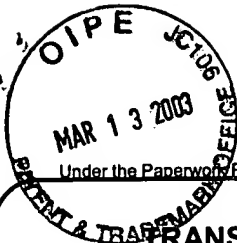


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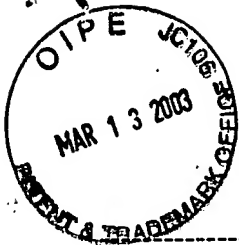
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In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 8, 2003, and having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 8, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 16-26 with the following:

Conventionally, in order to improve noise resistance in high-speed signal transmission, shielding members are generally provided on housings in which signal contacts are provided, as is shown in Japanese Utility Model Registration No. 2542233. Electrical contact terminals are